

[8th February 1924]

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" Sir, though the hon. Member had about 43 questions on the paper yesterday he did not do the House the courtesy of attending the meeting. Is he now entitled to take advantage of that fact ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am sorry, Sir, I was not able to attend on account of an unfortunate domestic occurrence."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" I express my regret, Sir ; I was not aware of the circumstance."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mr. President, Sir, with reference to the ruling you gave in connexion with the cross-fire opened by Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, may I know whether this precedent can apply to other Members ? Can we ask an hon. Member to explain himself if we don't understand him well ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Any hon. Member is entitled to ask for explanation of anything that is not clearly understood."

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-30 p.m.

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 295 asked by Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th February 1924, page 351 supra.]

Extract of letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, D. Dis. No. 6412/23-A-2, dated 17th January 1924.

5. *Representation of ryots.*—I received a deputation yesterday headed by the three local Members of the Legislative Council, Messrs. V. C. Vellingiri Goundar, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar and T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar. A number of big ryots from Avanashi, Coimbatore, Dharapuram, Erode and Palladam taluks attended. The deputation suggested that free permits for grazing might be issued to ryots paying less than Rs. 50 assessment and also to tenants paying small rents ; also that free cutting of grass in forest reserves should be allowed, that penning licences should be issued freely and that the block system should be abolished where it continues. The latter suggestion appears to apply to Mettupalayam and Bolampatti forest ranges only, which are on the western side of the Avanashi and Coimbatore taluks respectively. They also suggest that the Railway Companies might be asked to allow special concession rates for the import of fodder. With regard to grazing concessions, I am taking necessary action and will adopt these suggestions as far as possible except with reference to the grant of free permits to wealthy ryots and tenants. I propose to see the result of the issue of free permits to ryots paying not more than Rs. 10 in the first instance. It must be remembered that in the present season the grazing capacity of the forest reserves is very limited.

The deputation also requested that where dry crops have largely failed or lands have been left waste, remission of dry assessment should be granted and that in other cases suspension of dry assessment should be ordered by me immediately with a view to subsequent remission where failure should be ascertained.

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The deputation referred to the following areas as being specially affected :—

Avanashi taluk (the area referred to at the beginning of paragraph 4 of this letter),

Perundurai division,
Kangayam division, and
Palladam and Tirupur firkas.

I have called for further reports from Tahsildars with regard to these areas. I am doubtful whether Kangayam division is seriously affected.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 309 asked by Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th February 1924, page 360 supra.]

Presidents, District Boards, who stood for election to Legislative Council.

Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai	...	...	Anantapur.
Mr. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar	...	...	North Arcot.
Mr. K. Sitarama Reddiyar	...	...	South Arcot.
Rao Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar	...	...	Bellary.
Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu	...	...	Chittoor.
Rao Sahib C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar	...	...	Coimbatore.
Rai Bahadur T. M. Narasimha Achariyar	...	...	Cuddapah.
Rai Sahib M. Venkataratnam Nayudu	...	...	Godavari.
Rao Bahadur P. C. Etirajulu Nayudu	...	...	Guntur.
Diwan Bahadur T. Balaji Rao Nayudu	...	...	Kistna.
Rao Bahadur C. Venkataranga Reddi	...	...	Kurnool.
Mr. V. Madhava Raja	...	...	Malabar.
Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao	...	...	Nellore.
Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai	...	...	Tinnevely.
Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju	...	...	Vizagapatam.
The Raja of Ramnad	...	...	Ramnad.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 331 asked by Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th February 1924, page 372 supra.]

(1)

From Captain N. R. UBHAYA, Assistant Director of Public Health, to the Director of Public Health, Madras, Camp, Cuddalore N.T., dated 22nd January 1924.

With reference to the outbreak of plague in the town of Tuticorin, I have the honour to state that I inspected the town from 12th instant to 16th instant, and to submit the following report.

2. On 20th December 1923, the Civil Surgeon admitted a case of fever into the hospital. A bubo developed and the patient died on 23rd December 1923. A liver smear was sent by him on 24th December 1923 to the King Institute for examination, with the result that it was declared to be positive for plague and the result communicated by the Director, King Institute, by wire. Subsequent to this, the Civil Surgeon was able to trace two more